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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 29 November 2001

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3 p.m. (sharp)

4431st meeting

Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 5 of resolution 1360 (2001) (S/2001/1089)

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001) CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM

3 p.m.

12th (closed) meeting

Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

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68th PLENARY MEETING

General Assembly Hall

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2. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification: report of the First Committee (A/56/527) [65]
3. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/56/528) [66]

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4. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/56/529) [67]
5. Maintenance of international security - good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe: report of the First Committee (A/56/530) [68]
6. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/56/533) [69]
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20. Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements: report of the First Committee (A/56/545) [83]
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3 p.m.

69th PLENARY MEETING

General Assembly Hall

Question of Palestine [41]

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- (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/642)
- (c) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.19, A/56/L.20, A/56/L.21, A/56/L.22)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 34th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [106] (A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/306 and A/56/358)

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (A/56/297 and Corr.1, A/56/306, A/56/434, A/56/645 and Add.1 and A/C.2/56/5)

(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (A/56/208 and A/56/306)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(b) International financial system and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.33

(d) External debt crisis and development

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3. Globalization and interdependence [105]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.34

4. High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development [107]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.31

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 52nd meeting Conference Room 1

3 p.m.-
4.30 p.m. 53rd meeting Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.67/Rev.1 and L.71

2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

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3. Advancement of women [112]

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4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.72 and L.73

5. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.40, L.42/Rev.1, L.49, L.62, L.63, L.65 and L.68

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

2 p.m.-
4.30 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003(A/56/6 and Corr.1, A/56/7, A/56/16, A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1 and A/C.5/56/11/Rev.2))

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE
OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS
OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

*International Day of Solidarity
with the Palestinian People*

10.30 a.m. -
1 p.m. 261st meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. -
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

3 p.m. -
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

Subject

Integrated Management Information System (IMIS)

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Informal consultations on agenda item 35
(Support by the United Nations system of the efforts
of Governments to promote and consolidate new
or restored democracies)*

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 35 today, 29 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

*Informal consultations on agenda item 20
(Strengthening of the coordination of
humanitarian and disaster relief assistance
of the United Nations, including special
economic assistance)*

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) today, 29 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 29 November 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.21 (item 97 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Room C-209B: A/C.2/56/L.17/Rev.1 (item 98 (c)), from 12 noon to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.14 (item 99 (b)), from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.; and

Economic and Social Council Chamber: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet today, 29 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 29 November 2001

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m. - Economic and Social
1 p.m. closed meeting Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda item 103 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)))

10 a.m. - Conference
1 p.m. closed meeting Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda item 98 (c) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa))

11 a.m. - Conference
12 noon closed meeting Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda item 102 (Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic) and agenda item 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council))

1 p.m. - Conference
3 p.m. closed meeting Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda item 99 (b) (Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries) and draft resolution on the Industrial development of Africa)

3 p.m. - Conference
6 p.m. closed meeting Room 9

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

4 p.m. - Conference
6 p.m. closed meeting Room 8

GROUP OF 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

6 p.m. - Conference
9 p.m. closed meeting Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda item 98 (g) (Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme, 1996-2005))

6 p.m. - Conference
9 p.m. closed meeting Room 9

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

BRIEFING ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 a.m. - Conference
1 p.m. closed meeting Room 8

There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ (*Third Committee*)
today, 29 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Confer-
ence Room E.

Briefing

There will be a meeting of the Advisory Committee on
Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for members of the
Eastern European Group, on Fifth Committee matters today,
29 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference
Room 7.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 30 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

3 p.m.

70th PLENARY MEETING

General Assembly Hall

The situation in the Middle East [42]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/480, A/56/642)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.23, A/56/L.24)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	To be announced

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	54th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	55th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Informal consultations on agenda item 38
(Assistance in mine action)*

Open-ended informal consultations (fourth) on the draft resolution under agenda item 38, organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on Friday, 30 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room E. All delegations are invited to attend.

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In accordance with resolution 55/75, adopted by the General Assembly on 4 December 2000, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2002 Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene for the first time in Geneva on Monday, 3 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Friday, 7 December 2001, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be informal consultations to prepare negotiations on the consolidated text of the International Strategy for Action on Ageing from 3 to 7 December 2001 in Conference 1. The informal consultations will begin on Monday, 3 December, at 3 p.m.

The resumed session of the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing will be held from 10 to 14 December 2001.

The consolidated text of the International Strategy may be viewed and downloaded on the Web site of the United Nations Programme on Ageing (<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/ageing/waa/strategycons.doc>). Copies of the text are also available outside of the office of Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-1370).

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Bob F. Jalang'o (Kenya), on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1259), no later than Friday, 7 December 2001.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Gabriela Martinic (Argentina), Chairperson of Working Group II dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) of the Disarmament Commission, would like to remind all delegations that the Working Group requested her to gather information on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms, to be provided by the delegations, preferably by 1 December 2001, on the understanding that they might submit further information at a later stage (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extension 226; fax: (212) 980-8395).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ (*Third Committee*) on Friday, 30 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room E.

There will be a meeting of the Commonwealth on "Financing for Development: The Route to Monterrey", on Friday, 30 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

The meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole (*at the ambassadorial level*), scheduled for Friday, 30 November 2001, has been postponed until Wednesday, 5 December, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal meeting

An informal meeting, organized by the delegation of India, to discuss the draft resolution under agenda item 21 (f) (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union) will be held on Friday, 30 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Briefing

Mr. Timothy Lemay of the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (ODCCP) will make a presentation on the Global Programme against Money Laundering (GPML) on Monday, 3 December 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of their International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday to Thursday, 10 to 13 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at United Nations Headquarters.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 5 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: 963-9684 and 963-9196).

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, from 9.45 to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 19 December, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, an outline of activities and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. Members from United Nations agencies are also encouraged to apply. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 11 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency>.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.org/ga/president>. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: <http://www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373>; <http://www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm>; <http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373>; <http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373>; <http://www.un.org/russian/documen/scdocs/committees/1373>; and <http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html>.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: <http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org> or <http://www.un.int/indonesia>.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: <http://www.un.int/belgium>.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 28 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

66th plenary meeting

Oceans and the law of the sea [30]

(a) *Oceans and the law of the sea*

(i) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/58 and Add.1)*

(ii) *Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its second meeting (A/56/121)*

(iii) *Draft resolutions (A/56/L.17)*

(b) *Agreement for the Implementation of the Provision of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks*

(i) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/357)*

(ii) *Draft resolutions (A/56/L.18)*

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 30.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), Argentina, Japan, China, Iceland, Australia, Uruguay, the Russian Federation, Mexico, Fiji, Viet Nam, the Republic of Korea, Papua New Guinea and Nigeria.

67th plenary meeting

Oceans and the law of the sea [30]

(a) *Oceans and the law of the sea*

(i) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/58 and Add.1)*

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(b) *Agreement for the Implementation of the Provision of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation*

and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

(i) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/357)*

(ii) *Draft resolutions (A/56/L.18)*

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 30.

Statements were made by the representatives of Malta, the Federated States of Micronesia, Indonesia, Ukraine, Jamaica, New Zealand and Canada.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/6 of 24 October 1996, the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority made a statement.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Turkey, Chile and Venezuela.

By 121 votes to 1, with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.17 (resolution 56/12).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/18 (resolution 56/13).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Peru, Argentina, Norway and Japan.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 30.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

32nd meeting

Environment and sustainable development: protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind [98 (f)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item and heard an introductory statement by the Executive Director of the secretariat for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Japan, Bangladesh, China, Kenya, Ukraine, Bahrain and the United States, as well as by the observers for the Holy See and Switzerland.

The representative of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

The Executive Director of the secretariat for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change made a statement in response to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general consideration of the sub-item.

Deadline for the submission of draft proposals

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under the sub-item 98 (f) was Thursday, 29 November, at 6 p.m.

33rd meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(a) Trade and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.35

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.36

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.37

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.38

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Training and research [104]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.30

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Statements were made by the representatives of Portugal (on behalf of the European Union) and the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Secretary of the Committee responded to questions raised.

THIRD COMMITTEE

51st meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.72

The representative of Uganda, on behalf of the African Group, as well as Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Norway, Portugal and Sweden, introduced the draft resolution. Croatia, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy and Luxembourg joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.73

The representative of the Sudan, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, and Jordan, introduced the draft resolution. Benin, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nicaragua, Niger, Sierra Leone and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.62

The representative of Norway, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Afghanistan, Botswana, Japan, Malta, Morocco, Nicaragua, Paraguay and the Republic of Moldova, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution. Benin, the Dominican Republic, Honduras and Mauritius joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.65

The representative of Canada, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Cameroon, France, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Malta and Portugal, introduced the draft resolution. Croatia, Benin, Georgia and Sierra Leone joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.68

The representative of Japan, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Malta, the Netherlands and San Marino, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution. Belgium and Italy joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.55

The representative of Sweden, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Andorra, Belgium, Estonia, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, New

Zealand and Slovenia, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Introduction on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.57

The representative of Belgium, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Iceland, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta and San Marino, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

*Introduction on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.58**

The representative of Belgium, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Australia, Czech Republic, Iceland, Japan, Malta and San Marino, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.70

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Kazakhstan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.74

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Finland announced that Guinea had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Honduras, Mauritius and Tunisia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.53

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Colombia, Ecuador, Fiji, Guatemala, Honduras, the Republic of Moldova and the United Republic of Tanzania joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 146 to none, with 6 abstentions.

The representative of Cuba made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

A statement was made by the representative of Poland (also on behalf of Chile, Czech Republic, India, Mali, Mexico, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, South Africa and the United States).

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.60

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the revisions that had been made to the text at the time of introduction.

Benin, Belarus, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, Iceland and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States made a statement.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.61

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the revisions that had been made to the text at the time of introduction.

Benin, El Salvador, Honduras, Iceland, Kenya, Mauritius and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.63

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Benin, Burundi, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Marshall Islands and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Following statements by the representatives of the Sudan, Norway, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, India and Djibouti, the Committee decided to defer action on the draft resolution.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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[123]

Safety and security of United Nations personnel (A/56/469 and Corr.1 and A/56/619)

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this question.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Liechtenstein), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Argentina, New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand), Norway, India and Egypt.

The United Nations Security Coordinator made a concluding statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin the following week under the chairmanship of Ms. Eva Silot Bravo (Cuba).

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [134]

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/56/431 and Corr.1 and A/56/510 and Corr.1)

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this sub-item.

The representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Norway) made a statement on agenda items 134 (b) and 141.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this sub-item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on that day, Wednesday, 28 November, following the adjournment of the formal meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. Durga Bhattarai (Nepal) Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic spoke on a point of clarification.

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division replied to the point of clarification.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone [141] (A/56/487 and A/56/621)

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

In the absence of speakers, the Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on that day, Wednesday, 28 November, following the adjournment of the formal meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. Santiago Wins (Uruguay) Rapporteur of the Committee.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Egypt.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question raised.

The Chairman made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

*Acceptance: Sierra Leone (27 November 2001)**

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two video-films entitled "Gaza Under Siege" and "Mahmoud Darwish: As the Land is the Language". Both films will be shown *today*, 29 November, at 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

DPI/NGO Communications Workshop

The Communications Workshop on the theme "NGOs Working with UN-based Media", held as part of the DPI/NGO weekly briefings, will take place *today*, 29 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House (3 United Nations Plaza), and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI). For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 29 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day will be observed on Friday, 30 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. A townhall meeting on the theme "I Care... Do You?", will also highlight 2001 as the International Year of Volunteers. Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Interim Head of the Department of Public Information, will make welcoming remarks. The President of the General Assembly, the Deputy Secretary-General and Desmond Johns, representative of UNAIDS Office in New York, will make opening remarks. Participants will include Nane Annan; Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, Executive Director, UNFPA, and Chairperson, Committee of Co-sponsoring Agencies of UNAIDS; Eduardo Doryan, Special Representative to the United Nations, the World Bank Group; Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director, UNIFEM; André Roberfroid, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF; Eimi Watanabe, Assistant Administrator and Director, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP; Wendy Fitzwilliam, Miss Universe 1998 and Goodwill Ambassador for HIV/AIDS; and Danny Glover, UNDP Goodwill Ambassador. The moderator will be Daljit Dhalliwal, News Anchor, ITN, London. The observance is co-sponsored by DPI, UNAIDS, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, ILO, WHO, the World Bank, UNIFEM and UNV. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Special tribute to Mr. Ismat T. Kittani

There will be special tribute to the memory of Mr. Ismat T. Kittani, former President of the General Assembly, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and senior Iraqi diplomat, on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, with the participation of the Secretary-General. All attending are kindly requested to be seated in the Chamber by 11.45 a.m.

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